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LETTER OF 13 JANUARY 1960 FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE STATE OF
THE CAMEROONS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Inasmuch as the United Nations General Assembly had decided on 13 March 1959, on the proposal of the French Government, to terminate as from 1 January 1960 the trusteeship status of the State of the Cameroons, the latter became completely independent on that date.

Desiring to assume in full its new international responsibilities and to co-operate in the work of the United Nations, the Cameroons Government has decided to apply without delay for admission of the State of the Cameroons to membership in the United Nations.

I therefore have the honour to request you, on behalf of my Government, to submit the application of the State of the Cameroons for consideration by the Security Council, in accordance with Article 4 of the United Nations Charter, with a view to obtaining the recommendation required for its inclusion on the agenda of the next General Assembly.

The Government of the State of the Cameroons declares herewith that it accepts the obligations contained in the United Nations Charter and is able to carry them out. It solemnly undertakes to comply with them in all good faith.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) A. AHIDJO

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LETTER OF 20 JANUARY 1960 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FROM
THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

In a letter of 13 January, which was circulated on 19 January as Security Council document S/4256, Mr. Ahidjo, the Prime Minister and Head of the Cameroons Government, applied to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for admission of the State of the Cameroons to membership in the United Nations.

The independence of the Cameroons was proclaimed on 1 January 1960. The Cameroons has all the qualifications for United Nations membership. The General Assembly recommended on 13 March 1959, in resolution 1349 (XIII), that it should be admitted to membership in the United Nations upon its attainment of independence.

I therefore have the honour to request you to convene the Security Council, in accordance with the wish expressed by the Head of the Cameroons Government, with a view to recommending the admission of the State of the Cameroons to membership in the United Nations.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Armand BERARD
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative

